

man would have even considered, laid the midway out wrong more than once, gave rotten locations to the concessions quite a few times, didn't have trucks enough lots of times, played too far out other times, were weak in our billing at times, gave sympathy to all when it was a bad week, heard them tell how smart they were and what good workers they turned out to be when they had a good week and watched the tears come to the eyes of many when the season was over and they said good-by with the promise that they sure would be back again next year. Taken all in all, it was just an average season, with plenty of headaches—and lots of good times.

THE STORY RUNS something like this: The boys at winter quarters of the Michigan Greater Shows were working. Manager Wade was also doing a little "bit" and remarked: "I don't understand why this drill won't cut—maybe the steel is too hard. E. C. (May), go and get a new drill—tell them it is to drill the hardest of steel!" May returned with the new drill and Wade put it into the drill press, but it didn't cut any better than the other one. "I suppose," said he, "we will have to get stiffer steel." May started investigating—found that the press had been running backward all the time. Now, Dear Reader, read the above several lines again before reading further, and enjoy a little joke laugh. Did you? All right, now get this one: The big laugh came to the boys there when it came out that Ted Briton had already "drilled" about 200 holes in soft wood (by aid of the screwtop pressure—you know!), with the drill running in the wrong direction.

#### AUSTRALIAN CARNIVAL NOTES

SYDNEY, Dec. 17.—Edgar Tullipon, an Australian-born Indian, is now en route to India on special business for Dave Meekin. The latter showman will be making a big presentation here around Easter time.

Doc. Hamilton, American showman, who has been in New Zealand for many months, plans to return to the United States by the "Niagara" this week. Mrs. Hamilton will conduct her husband's interests during his absence.

H. E. Hillier, from Canada, arrived last Saturday by the "Aorangi". He is under engagement to Clare & Greenhalgh, and will be mechanic in charge of Fun on the Farm, carnival novelty.

Fred Staig is still up among the big attractions in New Zealand. His rides are a popular feature of all showgrounds.

"Over the Falls", an American riding device, will probably be put into operation here during the Manly (Sydney) carnival, which commences January 17. E. J. Kilpatrick, entrepreneur, who is at present in Sydney, holds the Australian and New Zealand rights to this novelty.

New company registered this week in Melbourne includes Thorpe McConville, of buck-jumping-show fame. This is Thorpe McConville Pty., Ltd., amusement promoter, etc. Registered office, Melbourne. Capital, £5,000 pounds, in £1 shares. Subscribers, Thomas Thorpe McConville, William Patrick Kinney and Violet Jessie McConville.

#### John Marks Adopts His Own Name Title

PETERSBURG, Va.—John H. Marks, owner of the Marks Greater Shows, arrived here after an extended business trip north, and immediately inaugurated a program of winter quarters work. Whitey Hewitt was placed in charge with several assistants.

Marks stated that his contracts are not ready for publication at present. However, he would shortly announce his route of fairs and spring dates. He returned to attend the meeting of the Association of Virginia Fairs at Richmond.

Al Huband, formerly of the Lew Dufour Shows and the Tip-Top Shows, has been engaged as general superintendent and will take up his duties shortly before the opening of the show.

It was Marks' original intention to title his show the Great American Shows, but upon investigation it was found that this was not a new title, and rather than have any conflict it was decided to caption the show Marks Greater Shows.

Hundreds of replies were received from his advertisement in *The Billboard*, with the result that several of the foremost attractions in the carnival world will be seen on the midway of the Marks Greater Shows the coming season.

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COOK HOUSE. Must be up to date. All Merchandise Wheels and Grind Stores open, also Ball Games. WANTED—Ride Help, Foreman for Big Eli, Parker Swing, Glider, Chairplane, Tilt-a-Whirl and Jones Train. SHOWS—Man and Wife for Ten-in-One, Talker for Monkeydrome, Man for Penny Arcade, Athletic Showman and Electrician. Wanted to hear from 10-piece Band and Free Acts. Those having Concessions preferred. Show opens early in March on streets in North Little Rock. Address all mail to 617 Main Street.

## World of Pleasure Shows

HATTIESBURG, Miss., Jan. 18.—After a season of 37 weeks, during which they played in Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Virginia, North and South Carolina, Georgia, Florida and Mississippi, the World of Pleasure Shows are now in winter quarters here, where they will remain until the last week in February, when they will open here under the auspices of the Knights of Pythias.

In Pensacola, Fla., the show was "frozen in" for two weeks. In Hattiesburg it was "snowed in" for a week—the first snow seen here in many years. The winter quarters is a large garage two blocks from the post office. Eight men are starting to build, rebuild and paint, in charge of Arthur Loeb, who keeps things moving from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. At the closing date the lineup consisted of 10 shows, 4 rides, 40 concessions and 2 free acts. For the opening there will be an increased number of these attractions. The route north will include stands in Mississippi, Tennessee, Kentucky, Indiana, Ohio, West Virginia, Pennsylvania and Maryland. Rick Fremont is busy with booking engagements. The management of the show for the coming season will be under the writer, assisted by a capable staff.

GEORGE A. BALDWIN.

## Royal American Shows

SOUTH JACKSONVILLE, Fla.—Lost: Carl J. Sedlmayr, general manager; Harry A. Smith, general agent; Bernie Smuckler and Marie Smuckler, special agents. When last seen they were headed in a northerly direction. No reward offered either for their return or for information leading to their recovery. All of which means that the 1930 route builders of the Royal American Shows are on the job.

With the return to winter quarters of Elmer and Curtis Velare new activity is manifested in the work of rebuilding that has been going on ever since the closing day. The Velares and their wives are here to stay until the show goes out. With this much of the directing crew energizing the operations it is a safe prognosis that when the "good

ship R. A. S." makes its first port of call March 15 at the Florida State Fair it will be so bedecked with bunting from stem to stern and so watted with electricity from bowsprit to tiller post that it will justify its 1930 subcaption of "A Drum Major of Radiancey".

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Harvey, who will again have their Funhouse and Caterpillar with the show, who have returned from their month's jaunt to New York, Chicago and St. Louis, ensconced themselves in an apartment, and both enterprises are undergoing overhauling and painting. "Big Bob" McAllister, after six weeks' fishing, has donned his overalls, dragged the Lindy Loop out and is busy with his crew getting it ready. Maxey Herman, who originally the remotely came from Toronto, Can., is building the Unborn Show which Lew Dufour will have in the R. A. S. lineup. Capt. Curly Wilson, rotund before his departure, has returned from a month's visit to his family at Cleveland, O., 30 pounds heavier and found his Monkey Circus ready to go, the crew having taken advantage of his absence.

Nightly radio parties are the rule in Dick Best's homey wagon, with an overflow outside taking in his new outfit. Dick announces that his Coney Island Side Show is all ready to go and will have a complete new lineup of attractions, the only old face among them being that of the manager.

PAT BEGGS.

## Sol's Liberty Shows

INDIANAPOLIS, Jan. 18.—The paraphernalia of Sol's Liberty Shows, Inc., is stored in Anderson, Ind., and ere long things will be humming around winter quarters.

There will be plenty of paint spread on the rides, and the show fronts will all be rebuilt.

Mr. and Mrs. Solomon are spending the winter at the Severin Hotel, Indianapolis, and there are plenty of show-folks here, all getting anxious for the season to open. Everyone around here looks forward to a good season for 1930. Sam Solomon is out on the road, attending fair meetings.

LEW MARCUS.

## John T. Wortham Shows

SAN BERNARDINO, Calif.—At this writing work in progressing rapidly in the John T. Wortham Shows' quarters. "Blackie" Riley and the train crew have torn down several of the flat cars, rebuilt some and are now redecking. A shipment of several new 72-foot flats is expected in shortly from the East. The ride boys are stacking the decorative parts in the paint shop for 1930 colors. The Merry-Go-Round horses have been redecorated by Vester Crawley, who did a fine job on them, and their circus trappings restudded with jewels. H. B. (Doc) Danville, general agent, is in for a few days to give instructions to his men. Danville has six show attractions and will do much rebuilding with his 150-foot Wax Show and Glass House. He announces that Doc Belmont will manage the Wax Show the coming season. Only a few more weeks remain before the opening day, February 13, at the National Orange Show.

Word has been received by James W. Dyer that the Leaping Lena ride will be here by February 3. The Waltzer will also arrive about that time. Fowzer, and his 60-ton whale, caught last Thanksgiving week in the Pacific, has arrived and he has arranged for location. John T. Wortham is planning to have a separate "Kiddie Midway" also this year and is negotiating for two more miniature rides.

The show will have an impressive set of rides with the Waltzer, Leaping Lena, Heyday, Lindy Loop, Caterpillar, Jumps, Flying Planes, Carousel and others of the staple class. Ray (Shorty) Cromoner has filed his application for engineer on the miniature railway. The Kiddies' Riding Academy will have a lady instructor. Vester Crawley, of funhouse fame, announces that a new ride to set in the show lineup will be brought on by him later in the season.

ROY E. LUDINGTON.

## San Antonio Notes

SAN ANTONIO, Tex., Jan. 18.—This city is the winter home of a number of shows and many outdoor show people.

The Rice & Dorman Shows are wintering in the old Wortham quarters, and the Alamo Exposition Shows are at the fairgrounds, where Harry Ault and his crew are painting and building for the coming season.

A small unit of the Alamo Shows, consisting of five shows, four rides and 30 concessions is playing the lots in town with indifferent success. It has just closed at Washington Park, in the heart of the Mexican district, and moved to Hoefgen avenue, near the Southern Pacific station. Among those seen on the midway were Mr. and Mrs. George Dorman, Rodney Crail, side-show owner, and Mr. and Mrs. Sam Golden, who will be with Brunk's Comedians, which also is wintering here.

The Prudential and Savoy hotels are headquarters for the majority of those living here thru the winter season.

Sam Hellman, general agent the Alamo Shows, has returned from a booking trip. Jack (Dillon) Ruback and A. Obadal, owners and operators of the Alamo Exposition Shows, are optimistic regarding the coming season.

DAN BEGGS.

## Sunset Amusement Co.

ELMWOOD PARK, Ill., Jan. 18.—K. Garman, manager, and Ned C. Smith, general agent of the Sunset Amusement Company, attended the recent meeting held by fair men at Indianapolis. All is still quiet at winter quarters. The purchase of a new Merry-Go-Round and a new Ferris Wheel will reduce the amount of work to be done. However, by the first of February work will commence, all trucks and trailers to be painted goldenrod and trimmed in royal blue.

Manager Garman has announced the purchase of three additional trucks, making a total of five truck and four trailers and a calloppo mounted on a truck.

Fourteen concessions have been booked. Edward Brink, Harvey, Ill., having contracted for seven; Floyd Kyle, of Peoria, electrician, one; William Morton, of Elgin, one; and F. Flora, of Chicago, five.

The show will open about the middle of April in Northern Indiana with 5 rides, 4 shows and about 25 concessions. Representatives will be on hand at the annual meeting of the Illinois Fairs Association at Springfield with the view of securing several dates at that time.

F. M. FLORA.